

Gregory, Nestleroth Selected Lancaster County Outstanding 4-H'ers

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MANHEIM — It was a night of recognition of the efforts of Lancaster County's 4-H'ers, paying tribute to the hard work they put in over the last year. Last Thursday's Achievement Night was the highlight of the new two-day 4-H Fair held this year for the first time at the Manheim Fair Grounds.

Sallie Gregory and Stacy Nestleroth received the highest honor for a 4-H'er in Lancaster County by being named the Outstanding 4-H'ers. Both girls have been involved in various 4-H projects since they were 8 years old.

Other finalists in the competition were Laura McLean, Garden Spot Community Club; Eric Rotenberry, Exchange Club and Penn Willow Community Club; Tammy Long, Boots and Saddles Horse Club and Tricia Musser, Woolies Club. All six 4-H'ers were interviewed privately by the judges, and gave a short talk at Achievement Night.

Sallie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gregory, 28th Division Highway, Lititz, and Stacy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Nestleroth, Manheim R1.

A 4-H'er for nine years, Sallie is a member of the Boots and Saddles 4-H Club, the Exchange Club and the Clay 4-H Cooking Club. She has been a member of the county horse judging team for three years, participated in State Days, and attended 4-H Leadership Congress for four years. She has been to two teen leader retreats and attended 4-H Capitol Days in Harrisburg.

About her new title she says, "I was really surprised. I was really proud. I had dropped out of marching band to really work toward it." She said she looks forward to promoting 4-H more,

adding, "I hope to keep older 4-H'ers involved. It is a real learning experience. I got to make so many friends." For Sallie 4-H is something she could hardly wait to join, since she often attended meetings with her three older sisters.

Like Sallie, Stacy says she was "counting the years" until she was old enough to join 4-H, because her mother was a 4-H leader when she was little. Stacy is a member of the Elm-Penryn Community Club and the Exchange Club. She has taken projects in pet care, veterinary science, taught a cooking club and did a project on the "stress connection."

Stacy attended Leadership Congress for two years, was on the Consumerama judging team which placed second last year and first this year at State Days, and attended Capitol Days in Harrisburg. She would like to return to Leadership Congress as a part of the Leadership Council and will help plan next year's Capitol Days event.

She says, "Sallie and I really want to make a difference as we tell about 4-H. This is something I was working toward. I really admired those who received the award before."

Although she says 4-H has benefitted her in many ways, Stacy notes, "I was really shy when I was younger. It has made me a lot more confident, and I have tried things I wouldn't have otherwise."

Next highest honor in the county is to be selected for the 4-H Honor Roll. Those selected will have their names inscribed on a permanent plaque at the Farm and Home Center, and will receive a 4-H jacket. Recipients are chosen on the basis of their participation on a local, county, regional and statewide basis and on their leadership ability.

In addition to Sallie Gregory and



Senior Honor Roll winners are, from left, Linda Bentrem, Sallie Gregory, Lorri Rutt, and Stacy Nestleroth. Sallie Gregory and Stacy Nestleroth were also named Outstanding 4-H'ers. Other honor roll members absent from picture were Stacey Goss and Tina Mowrer.

Stacy Nestleroth, other senior honor roll winners were: Linda Bentrem, Mastersonville Community and Elizabethtown Pig and Rabbit Club; Stacey Goss, Penn Willow Club; Tina Mowrer, Mountville 4-H Club and Exchange Club; and Lorri Rutt, Solanco Community Club.

Junior Honor Roll winners were; Seth Bair, Mountville Community and Silver Springs Chefs; Lisa Bentrem, Mastersonville and Elizabethtown Pig and Rabbit Club; Marcia Dehney, Mount Joy Community; and Diane Musser, Red Rose Beef and Woolies Clubs.

In the talent show, the top winner was 12-year-old Mike Mylin of the Penn Manor Community Club who did a humorous recitation. Second and third places went to two vocalists. Lorri Rutt, Solanco Community Club, was second, and Anne Vath, Boots and Saddles Club, was third. The winners received \$12, \$7 and \$6 respectively, contributed by the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women. Tricia and Tara Bare, both of the Conestoga Valley Club, were also finalists in the talent competition.

With the new location for the 4-H Fair, there was added competition among the clubs in a volleyball tournament. First place winner was the Boots and Saddles Club, which won a plaque.

Club exhibits were also expanded because of the extra space and winners split \$100 in prize money. First place went to Saddle and Cinches 4-H Club; second went to Penn Willow; and third went to Boots and Saddles Club.

Garden Spot and Boots and Saddles each were recognized for their outstanding 4-H Club scrapbook.

Farm Women Society #19 presented monetary awards to the outstanding 4-H'ers in clothing and foods. Lavina Musser, president, gave the clothing award to Lucinda Harnish and the food award to Debra Bentrem.

A new award presented by Farm Women Society #24 was given to the two best skirts exhibited at the Fair. Sharon Lefever and Becky Badger, both of the New Holland Community Club, received that award.

Each year the Lancaster County Bankers Association gives scholarships to qualified 4-H'ers who are attending college. This year's scholarships, presented by George Lewis, go to Deb Bentrem, Nicolette Miller, Mastersonville Community and Red Rose Beef; Jay Reiff, Elm-Penryn; and Juan Figueroa, City Teens.

Zoann Parker, Lancaster County



Junior Honor Roll winners were, Seth Bair, left, and Marcia Dehney. Other winners were Diane Musser and Lisa Bentrem.

4-H agent who engineered the two-day 4-H Fair at the Manheim Fair Grounds, announced that the first ever 4-H benefit auction held Thursday afternoon netted \$3,323. Donated items ranged from quilts to dolls to teddy bears to half gallons of ice cream and Zoann expressed deep appreciation both to the donors and to the bidders. She said the proceeds will be used to keep down the cost of participation in countywide programs.

Kenneth Brubaker, former 4-H'er, served as auctioneer and kept the bidding spirited.

Parker also thanked the 4-H'ers for their response to the request for donations of hay to drought-stricken farmers in Asheboro, North Carolina. Lancaster County 4-H'ers visited that county in an exchange in 1983. Local 4-H'ers donated 18 tons of hay, which is one trainload, to be shipped. Zoann said she expects to make another plea in January to help the North Carolinians.

Lewis Tops Showmanship Contest

MANHEIM — As part of the expanded 4-H Fair held at Manheim Fair Grounds last week, the Woolies Club held a showmanship contest.

Leader Sarah Fleener said the contest gave first-year members a good opportunity to practice their showing skills without a large audience, and allowed older members to get ready for the upcoming fair season.

Held on Thursday morning, the event also gave some non-rural 4-H'ers the opportunity to see sheep being shown and got some 4-H'ers with only sheep projects to the Fair to see the wide range of other projects.

Special recognition was given to Maritza Mayorga, a 4-H exchange student from Costa Rica who spent the summer with Penn Manor 4-H Leader Dorothy Charles.

In other recognition, Zoann announced the winners of the blue form achievement programs. Juan Figueroa was a national winner in personal development in the foods and nutrition program.

County blue form winners included Deb Bentrem, foods and nutrition; Cindy Harnish, clothing; Joy Layton, cooking; Stacy Nestleroth, leadership; Jay Reiff, beef; Vicky Creighton, horse; and Stacey Goss, achievement.

The Appalachian Audubon Society gave an award to the project which was "closest to their clause." It was given to Matthew Hess of the Penn Manor Community Club for the bird house he made in the wood science project.

All award winners were given a candle to participate in the closing candlelight ceremony.



First place talent award winner Mike Mylin, center, is flanked by Lorri Rutt, second place, and Anne Vath, third place.



Lavina Musser, president of Lancaster Farm Women Society 19, presents Debra Bentrem, left, and Lucinda Harnish, center, with savings bonds for their achievement in food and clothing respectively.

Sarah said, "I was really surprised with the crowd we had. It was not just 4-H sheep families."

Champion showmanship award went to veteran showman Ellen Lewis, Mount Joy. Reserve champion was Phil Yeagley, Elizabethtown. Lewis and Yeagley were also winners in the senior division.

Intermediate Division winners were: 1. Mark Tracy, Elizabethtown; and 2. Andrea Mylin, Manheim.

Junior Division winners were: 1. Aaron Groff, Elizabethtown; and 2. Lyndon Reiff, Strasburg.

About 30 4-H'ers participated in the event.